COSTA BLANCA MOUNTAIN WALKERS - WALK DESCRIPTION

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Title of Walk	Barranc de Sequer circuit from Petracos
Location of Start (include name of nearest village/town at start of description)	Castell de Castells On the minor road that leads from the CV720 towards Vall d'Ebo
Key Statistics for walk - Distance in km	9
Key Statistics for walk - Ascent in m	400
Key Statistics for walk - Walking time and total completion time including any stops	3.25hr 4hr
Key Statistics for walk - Grade (using CBMW system)	MS/B
Grid reference of start point (if known)	Lat: 38.759272, Long: -0.185627
Directions to Start	Take the CV720 as it runs into the interior through Alcalali and Benchembla and at a junction beside Villa Mercedes turn R (signed Vall d'Ebo and Petracos). Continue up this road to find a large layby on the LHS which will accommodate up to 20 vehicles (shortly after one which might accommodate 4/5) Park here.
Short walk description	A dramatic walk up through a remote barranco followed by an easier return on generally good paths with wide ranging views.

Full Walk Description	**Elapsed Walking Time/Distance so far**
From the parking lay-by walk back the way you have driven for about 750m to find a track leaving on the L to cross the barranco and work up towards a house.	750m, 10min (est.)
A little before reaching the house a second track turns R and then at a junction after a few metres you can turn L again on a more overgrown track.	900m, 13min
This quickly deteriorates but keep up along its line to reach a terrace at a corner from where a path descends steeply into the barranco.	1.1km, 17min
Now follow the barranco uphill.	
Soon reach the first of several short scrambles. A small crag on the LHS leads to an	

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easy traverse to regain the barranco and then after this there are several more small scrambles ahead before you leave the barranco on the LHS (cairned) to climb up and over a small rocky knoll.	1.5km, 28min
Keep generally to the L of this until you are forced to aim across R towards a break in the vegetation and then down to a small col.	
Below you now you can see that the river bed splits and you leave this col to the R to descend to the RH river bed.	
Now work your way steadily uphill along this to reach a second split where you again take the R barranco and then continue ahead until you reach the top of the barranco.	3.1km, 1hr
At the top of the barranco you finally reach a track where you turn R uphill and continue ahead until you reach a restaurant building on the RHS.	4.5km, 1hr 19min
Continue past this and turn R on tarmac soon descending.	
At the first track junction after about 100m turn R.	4.6km, 1hr 21min
Continue along this until after some time it curves around to the L still dropping and you quickly reach a finger post on the LHS indicating a footpath to Font Mata which you take.	6km, 1hr 37min
Reach a tack where you turn R downhill to a junction where you turn L and follow this to reach a descending concrete ramp on the R with Y/W and follow this down as it changes to a rough track to reach Font de la Mata.	7.1km, 1hr 56min
Here cross to the R of the cascade of water troughs and continue ahead on a footpath (there is a second footpath which keeps L of the troughs and descends steeply down the barranco which we ignore).	
Follow this down in zig-zags to reach a track and then a junction where you continue directly ahead just R of a building with G/W marker.	7.7km, 2hr 6min
Follow the descending footpath carefully as it drops down through the terraces soon becoming more obvious as the only line to follow and this descends steadily with sometimes eroded edges to drop down towards the river bed below you.	
The easiest return is to now drop down directly into the main barranco below you, turn R and walk up this until you intercept the track where you started. Turn L to reach the tarmac road and then R to return to your car.	

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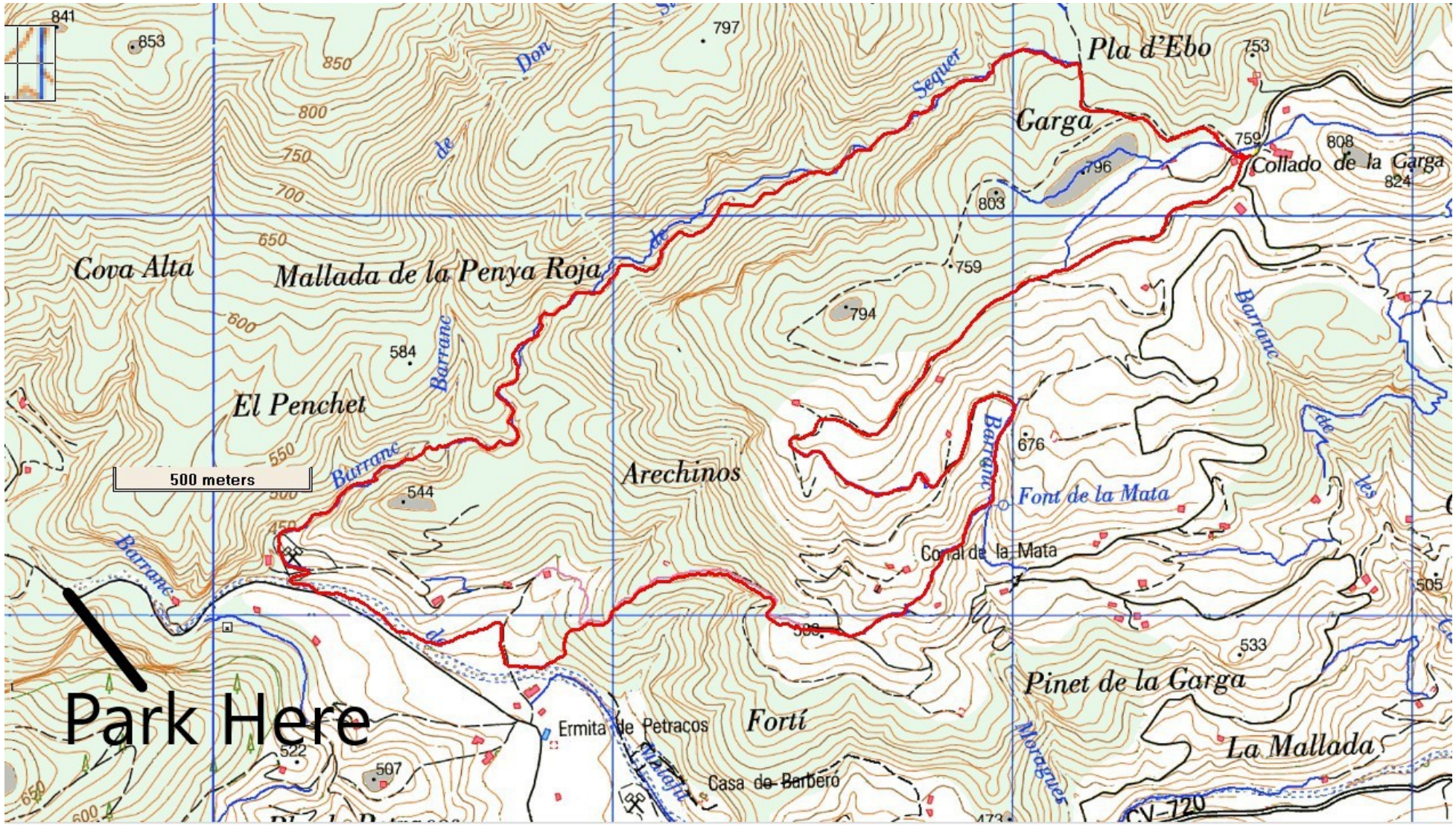
Walk Recommendations or restrictions	None

See map below.....

Route followed is outlined in Red



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